

AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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In the pneumatic tire having a block-type tread pattern, the central main portion of the sub-groove formed in the block is formed so that the groove bottom is inclined from the surface side of the block in a direction of a largest main stress among external forces applied from the road surface to the block. End portions of the sub-groove are formed so that the groove bottom extends substantially vertically to the outer surface side of the block.